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# Staff pay steep price for parking tags

Some say system  
favors faculty

By JIM GAINES  
Herald reporter

June Poole's husband doesn't get much sleep. He works second shift, but gets up at 6 a.m. to park her car close to her job at Garrett Conference Center. Then he walks home.

By the time he drives her to work at 9 a.m., the faculty/staff spaces on top of the Hill are full.

Poole paid \$120 for her faculty/staff parking tag, but spaces inside the Normal Drive-Big Red Way loop are scarce. Many staff members, arriving hours before or after faculty do, find their money going to waste on full spaces.

The cost of parking tags, a con-

stant complaint from faculty and students alike, hits staff the hardest. They pay the same prices as faculty, but that's generally a larger chunk of their income; most staff make far less than the average faculty member.

And when staff buy \$120 or \$60 tags, they often find buyers of \$360 tags have parked outside their gated lots, essentially taking up two spaces in already over-sold areas.

"People who buy these parking stickers, I've heard a lot of them say they've purchased a 'hunting license,'" said Poole, a building service attendant.

The Parking and Transportation Committee's goal in selling parking passes is to raise money for parking improvements, not to ensure that all tag owners have a guaranteed place to park, said Bob Cobb, co-chairman of the committee.

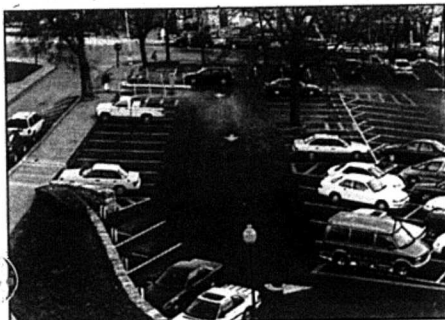
Campus police sold about 625 tags at \$120 each for the roughly

500 spaces "inside the loop," said Campus Police Capt. Mike Wallace. They sold about 800 tags at \$60 each for the 400 or so spaces outside the loop or in off-campus lots.

Faron McKinney makes close to the average staff pay. As a building service attendant group leader, he makes \$8.62 an hour, or about \$15,000 a year. But plenty of overtime raises that to about \$22,000. The average pay for staff members at all levels is about \$24,000 before taxes.

McKinney gets here at 4 a.m., so he can usually find a spot. But he bought the \$120 tag to ensure he can park close to his work at Garrett.

"I bought the \$60 one, to start with," he said. "Then after a few weeks of parking here, there and everywhere, and not finding a spot, I went down and had mine upgraded to the \$120 one."



Mark Weber/Herald

Even at the busiest times, the gated lot next to the Industrial Arts Building stays half empty as \$360 tag holders park in cheaper spaces closer to their offices.

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Kathleen Flynn/Herald

Radcliff Junior Angel Wilder practices the intro dance for a talent show sponsored by the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority last night at the Downing University Center.

## Schedule change rethought

Decision postponed  
for more comment

By ABBEY BROWN  
Herald reporter

The committee that last week recommended a new class schedule for next fall may be changing its mind. And even though they ruled out the flip-Friday schedule months ago, it's now being reconsidered.

The final recommendation from the

Class Scheduling Committee last Monday "was premature," committee chairman Luther Hughes said yesterday.

After Barbara Burch

Hughes and Provost Barbara Burch received hundreds of faculty emails. Hughes decided to postpone a final decision, leaving more room for faculty comment. Burch said she is checking with the new vice president for Information Technology to make sure there is no way to keep the current system.

The problem with the flip-Friday schedule was discovered last year, and could cost more than \$100,000 to fix, Burch said. It would also require an annual investment to upgrade the system.

The new scheduling software is part of an effort to become Y2K-compliant.

"Personally, I don't think computers should drive decisions, but they should be driven by what is best for learning," Burch said.



Barbara Burch

## Studies show college-age smoking on rise

By BRANDY WARREN  
Herald reporter

They're everywhere. Sitting on the benches outside of Cherry Hall. Standing by the doors of Downing University Center. Sitting on the steps of Garrett Conference Center.

Smokers are everywhere. A recent report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention said 28.7 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds are smokers.

In an effort to help college students quit smoking, Student Health Services will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out.

The annual event, happening Thursday, encourages smokers to give up their habit for one day. The goal of the program is to make people realize if they give up smoking for one day, they can give up cigarettes for the rest of their life.

"A good number of Western students chew a lot of tobacco as well," said Charles Lott, Director of Student Health Services, so the Smoke-Out will focus on them as well. Lott said tobacco chewing can be potentially more destructive to a person's health than smoking.

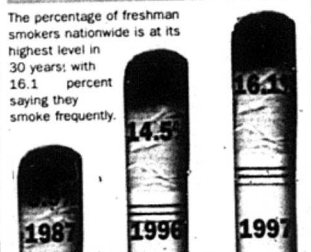
Student Health Services and Eta Sigma Theta will have a table set up in DUC on Thursday to provide students with information about smoking and how to quit.

The immediate effects of smoking on young adults is shortness of breath. Unfortunately, the effects of smoking usually don't show up until the damage has already been done. Smoking can lead to lung cancer and increases the risk of stroke.

Several recent studies have proved smoking is on the rise for college-aged students.

### More lighting up

The percentage of freshman smokers nationwide is at its highest level in 30 years; with 16.1 percent saying they smoke frequently.



Source: UCLA's Annual Survey of College Freshman

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## Weather forecast

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Fair	Partly cloudy	Slightly warmer	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy

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Daniel Wallace/Herald

**Breathtaking:** Junior Nicole Temples, from Niceville, Fla., won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:14:53 during Saturday's swim meet at the Preston Health and Activities Center. The women's team won 128-100 against Louisiana Monroe and 130-94 against Georgia Southern. The men won 145-87 against Louisiana Monroe.

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## Diversity Forum

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## Crime Reports

### Arrests

♦ John Henry Kohl, Normal Drive, was charged Friday with possession of alcohol by a minor. Bond information was not available.

♦ Christopher Early Fowler, Pearce-Ford Tower, was charged Friday with possession of alcohol by a minor and drinking an alcoholic beverage in a public place. Bond information was not available.

♦ William Bensor Drake, Normal Drive, was charged Friday with possession of alcohol by a minor and drinking alcohol in a public place. Bond information was not available.

♦ Timothy Leigh Fleck, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was charged Friday with DUI and disregarding a traffic control device. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the same day on a court order.

♦ David Allen Kessinger, Memphis Junction-Road, was charged Friday with driving on suspended license, driving on a suspended DUI offense and driving on the wrong side of the road. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

♦ Joseph Ryan Chajkowski, Keen Hall, was charged Friday with disregarding a stop sign and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicating beverage. He was released from the Warren County Regional Jail the next day on a \$750 unsecured bond.

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# SMOKING: 4 million students smoke

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced the percentage of smokers between the ages of 18 and 24 has increased to 28.7 percent in 1997 from 24.8 percent in 1995.

The study, conducted in 1997, has just been released to the public. The information was collected from 15,000 students at 116 four-year colleges.

Elwyn Grant, a spokesperson for the CDC Office on Smoking and Health, said the results may seem somewhat misleading. The results don't say more people are beginning to smoke between the ages of 18 and 24. Grant said that during the early '90s, there was a steady increase of smoking among people under 18. The 1997 survey shows as these teenagers became adults they continued to smoke.

The CDC's report also related the percentage of smokers in 1997 to the amount of education people had. The study found adults with nine to 11 years of education were more likely to smoke than people with more than 16 years of education.

The report also said smoking was higher among those living below the poverty level than those who lived at or above the poverty level.

UCLA and Harvard have also released studies dealing with college students and smoking.

The UCLA study found the percentage of smokers at the freshman level was at its highest rate in 30 years. The 1997 study found 16 percent of college freshmen admit to smoking frequently. That percentage is an increase from just 9 percent a decade before. Some 18.9 percent of college students admit to smoking occasionally.

The study also found college women out-smoke men. Seventeen point three percent of women report smoking compared to 14.6 of men.

The Harvard University study focused on all college students. The study found nearly 30 percent of college students, nearly 4 million, report smoking cigarettes either frequently or occasionally. The results of the survey are puzzling researchers because, for the first time, the percent of college-aged smokers is equaling the percentage of smokers who do not attend college. Students have traditionally been a group who have been resistant to smoking.

The results of the three studies have caused students, parents, and college officials to take notice of college smoking. Many large colleges around the nation such as Penn State University

have made university housing smoke free. The smoke-free trend is increasing all around the country.

USA Today recently conducted a survey of the nation's 30 largest college and universities. Of the 28 that have housing, 10 are smoke free. Seven other schools provided only 10 percent of all housing for smokers.

Researchers are now asking for answers as to why college students start smoking. Louisville freshman Steve Meadows offered a couple of suggestions.

"First of all, your parents aren't around, so if you're a closet smoker it's a lot easier," he said. Meadows also said Western's convenience store, Top Stop, also allows easy access for students to purchase cigarettes. Theresa Edmondson, assistant health educator at the Student Health Service, offered several other suggestions as to why students start smoking. She said peer pressure and growing up in a family of smokers lead young people to smoke.

But often, it all comes down to stress some say.

"Every time I try to quit, something happens to make me nervous," Dawson Springs freshman Rebecca Hardwick said. "Cigarettes calm me down."

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## Campus News

### Banner 2000 presentation

All faculty and staff are invited to a presentation of the Y2K-compliant computer software that will upgrade financial aid, admissions and class scheduling systems, and may do away with the current form of scheduling.

Computing services will demonstrate the Banner 2000 software from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday in Grise Hall Auditorium, Room 235. Gordon Johnson, director of Administrative Computing Services, said the presentation will include an overview of the system and an explanation of the scope of implementing it.

—Matt Batchelder

### County reinstates ban on open fires

According to the office of Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanan, a ban on all outdoor burning is now in effect for

Warren County. People who violate the ban will be fined between \$50 and \$500.

Anyone charged with open burning could face additional charges. To report open burning, contact your fire department, forest warden or area law enforcement officials.

—Jason Ragan

### Ransdell will speak

President Gary Ransdell will speak at 3 p.m. today at Grise Hall Auditorium. The speech is sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi.

—Jason Ragan

### Senior wins drawing

A Western senior won \$20,000 in a drawing at the recent Bowling Green 10K race. Leitchfield senior Janet Thompson won the money in the 20th anniversary running of the 10K classic.

—Jason Ragan

### CPE approves joint degree program

A joint Respiratory Care degree program between Western and Bowling Green Technical College has been approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education. The respiratory care courses can be taken at Bowling Green Technical College and general education courses are offered at Western's Bowling Green Community College Degrees will have names of both schools on them.

—Jason Ragan

### Regents chair receives leadership award

The chairman of the Board of Regents has been awarded the Governor's Economic Development Leadership Award. Cornelius A. Martin won the award for his efforts to recruit business and industry to the region and Kentucky.

—Jason Ragan

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# Opinion

## Welcome to Western, Chief Deane

We would like to welcome new Campus Police Chief Robert Deane to Western. After 30 years as a Detroit police officer and another five at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, we're sure you will bring a high degree of professionalism to the position.

We respect you for not resorting to campaign promises when you applied for the job, but there are a lot of things you could do to improve Western's police department that don't require funding.

Be a kinder, gentler police department. Take it easy when distributing those parking tickets. Students don't park illegally as some campus-wide conspiracy to vex the campus police. Remember that a lot of students who park on campus probably paid \$60 to spend 45 minutes circling Western's lots before ditching their car out of desperation two minutes before their classes started.

We're not saying you should break the parking rules. Just bend them a little in the interest of good public relations. You say you want to bring community-oriented policing to Western. This could be your first step.

Above all: Western needs a police chief that will be open and honest with students. If there's a problem on campus, whether it's an instance of armed robbery or an increase in on-campus drinking, let the students know about it.

Don't shield us by not releasing reports. The only way we will be safe is if we are aware of all possible hazards on campus. Release all campus police reports to local media in a timely manner. Put up fliers.

Releasing information to the community you're protecting can only help you in the long run.

Chief Deane, you said you'd like to bring Mayberry RFD to Western's campus, and while none of us expect to see Aunt Bea cooling pipes on McLean Hall's window sills anytime soon, we are going to hold you to that image.

**The issue:**  
Robert Deane has been selected as Western's new chief of police.

**Our view:** Deane promised to bring 'Mayberry' to the Hill and we plan to hold him to that.



## Come together to save vice president post

Often it's too easy to slip in a set pattern in our day-to-day lives. We rush from home to work, from work to class, from class to home, only to begin the cycle again the next day. We go through the week on autopilot — counting the days until graduation.

Eventually, there comes a time in each of our lives when we need to be part of something bigger. We want to make our mark and leave a legacy for generations to come. That time is now.

There is a plan on this campus to combine the positions of vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Student Life. The newly-created position would be called the Chief Student Affairs Officer.

At this point you're probably asking yourself, "How will this affect me?" Unfortunately, the answer is, "In more ways than you realize."

Since it is unlikely that an individual in this new position would be able to handle all of the responsibilities of both jobs, different students would be chopped off and divided among the other divisions of the university.

Additionally, there would be the possibility that we would lose a strong voice on the Administrative Council.

President Gary Ransdell has expressed concern with balancing the budget. While I share his view on this aspect of the decision, I must ask, "Why should a staff position in student affairs be the first to go?"

I fear that this potential change would send a message to students regarding their low rank in the grand scheme of things.

Students are the primary reason this institution was founded. Students are our primary customers. Students deserve the vice president for Student Affairs position to address issues that concern them. Western cannot thrive without a student body, and it seems sometimes the

administration needs to be reminded of that.

As your Student Government Association president, it is my responsibility to be your voice. However, my voice sounds much louder when it's joined with many others. We owe it not only to ourselves, but the generations of students yet to come, to unite in this effort.

Please join me and other concerned students in a peaceful demonstration at 2 p.m. Thursday in front of Wetherby Administration Building. If you are unable to attend, please stop by the SGA office in Downing University Center and pick up a sticker to wear in support of this effort.

Additionally, we will be happy to pass along any input you might have about this issue to the administration. Just email us at [sga@wku.edu](mailto:sga@wku.edu) to express your views. This is the most important issue we will address this year — this is our legacy.

Together, much can be accomplished. Amanda Coates is a senior health care administration major from Brownsville.



**Amanda Coates**  
commentary

**What is the first issue you'd like to see the new chief of police address?**

Contact us at [herald@wku.edu](mailto:herald@wku.edu). Or send in a letter to the editor to be published in a special forum section.

## What would you like to see the new police chief do?



"Get more lights for better security."

**Christy Proffitt**  
Glasgow freshman



"Get extra police cars so they could catch speeders."

**Freddie Spencer**  
Radcliff freshman



"Get more officers so they could beef up night patrols. And push the escort service."

**Scott Brown**  
Lewisburg senior



"Get more blue emergency lights on campus."

**Kelly Withers**  
Louisville freshman



"Have the officers work on being kinder to students."

**Dewayne C. Gortightly**  
Madisonville junior

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# WKYU christens satellite truck

BY JASON RAGAN  
Herald reporter

WKYU-TV now has in its arsenal a mobile satellite uplink truck that will be used to broadcast classes, basketball games, meetings and conferences.

The mobile satellite uplink truck's primary use will be for the Kentucky Commonwealth Virtual University. In addition to the Internet and interactive television classes, the university will now be able to offer satellite classes "giving us another tool in our distance education tool box," said Richard Kirchmeyer, Information Technology vice president.

The virtual university gave \$400,000 toward the purchase of

the \$500,000 truck, which has the capabilities to beam programs all over the country.

Western added more money to make this a mobile unit, something Provost Barbara Burch calls a forward move, planning for the future.

The truck was unveiled yesterday in a ceremony that was broadcast live by the new technology at DUC South Lawn.

Barbara Deeb, producer and host at WKYU, said the truck's mobility means the sky is the limit.

The satellite works by sending a signal that goes into the production truck and then to the satellite truck where it is beamed 22,400 miles above earth to a satellite ... and then back

down to a satellite downlink.

The mobile unit will allow for flexibility and the opportunity to broadcast many Western activities, including basketball games.

The first contracted use of the truck will be next Tuesday when a live broadcast of the basketball game at Diddle Arena will be sent to Evansville, said Gary Barnaby, associate director of educational telecommunications. The truck is already booked on six to seven contractual productions.

President Gary Ransdell calls the truck a "mobile and visual symbol of Western's commitment to learning in a visual world."

## SCHEDULE: Decision 'almost-made'

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The committee members have been working on this class scheduling issue for a long time and are ready to get it behind them, she said.

Beginning last April, the committee asked for input from everyone on campus about the new class scheduling, and with that information came up with some proposals, Hughes said.

"We have looked at hundreds of options," he said.

Initially, after considering the different proposals, the committee narrowed the schedule to one option. After being presented with more input, they put forth three proposals, including a revision of the initial proposal.

The committee then narrowed it back down to one option last Monday to be presented to Burch. But Hughes said he never actually relayed the recommendation to Burch after receiving

even more suggestions.

A final decision will be made by the end of the semester, Burch said. "It is disappointing and frustrating to me to see a committee work very hard to make sure everyone is given an opportunity to give a say in a matter, and then having very few people come forward until after the decision is almost made."

Physics and Astronomy Professor Doug Harper is taking it upon himself to find out what other faculty members think about the new schedule.

He has posted a survey on the Internet asking faculty opinion on the issue. He said he will take responses until 4:30 p.m. today.

"From my standpoint, both as a faculty member at Western for the past nine years, and as a former student, I am strongly in favor of making an effort to keep the present system," Harper said in a recent email to Western fac-

ulty. "This system is very efficient."

Burch said it was ironic that during many discussions there was criticism of the flip-Friday schedule, but now many want to keep it.

She said she was going to again ask the deans for input about the uniqueness of their colleges, and the effectiveness of different class schedules.

"No one wants to see us move into a system that won't be effective for the students," Burch said. "That is our main concern."

### More Info

◆ If you would like to voice your opinion on the new class schedule you can go to the survey created by Western Professor Doug Harper. The site address is: [www.physics.wku.edu/~harper/survey/](http://www.physics.wku.edu/~harper/survey/)

## Lawsuit against Kappa Sigma drags on

BY BRIAN MOORE  
Herald reporter

Eric Cecil's lawsuit against the Kappa Sigma international fraternity has been continued again, prolonging the case which was filed in Warren Circuit Court on Aug. 12, 1997.

The suit was filed by Cecil's attorney, David Gray of Louisville. It alleged Western's chapter of the international fraternity hazed Cecil during Rush between Aug. 13 and 17, 1996.

Cecil is suing for damages, including medical and hospital expenses, physical and mental pain and future medical expenses.

Gray told the Herald in an article published Aug. 21, 1996, that Cecil was forced to strip, bark while in a dog house, eat rotten food, drink excessive amounts of alcohol and go without sleep for several days.

Gray said there are now several lawyers involved, which has prolonged the case.

"I sued the national fraternity," Gray said. "The national fraternity then sued all of its ex-members, claiming they were not at fault. This way the national fraternity wouldn't have to pay for any damages. Now, each kid has brought a lawyer in. When all of these lawyers are

involved, the process takes quite a while."

Gray said he sued the national fraternity because he felt they were responsible for the actions of the local members.

"The fraternity has come up with continual motions to dismiss," Gray said. "So far, the judge has overruled each and every motion."

Wayne Priest, the Bowling Green attorney representing the national fraternity, declined to comment other than to say "the judge is considering motions to dismiss."

Gray expects a new trial date to be announced today.



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# PARKING: Gated lots half-used

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He was told those with \$60 tags can park in off-campus lots and "shuttle buses to work, but no shuttles run for staff at 4 a.m. For McKinney, it was a choice between a hole in his pocket and a hole in his shoe. "You either buy it or you walk," he said.

The choice is tougher for those under McKinney. The \$24,000 staff average is brought up by high pay in some technical departments. Many groundskeepers and building service attendants, the most numerous staff jobs, make barely \$11,000 a year.

The average faculty income is more than \$48,000 a year. Compared with that, the average Western staff employee pays twice as much for parking. As a percentage of income, the lowest-paid Facilities Management employees pay more than four times the faculty average for parking.

"I don't think it's right to have to pay that kind of money just to work here," McKinney said.

He suggests parking prices should be indexed to wages high-paid administrators and professors would pay more, while those at the bottom of the payroll would pay proportionately less. At a meeting discussing rising parking prices, McKinney said he recalls a vague promise that administrators would "look into it," but never heard more about it.

"No one has to have an upgraded parking sticker," Cobb said. "To make improvements, to build new parking lots, etc., you have to finance them. And the only way to do that

was to raise the rates. We had no choice."

Meanwhile, as staff search for parking they can afford, many of Western's high-priced gated lot spaces sit empty.

The same thing happened when the parking committee sold numbered spaces in various lots last year, Cobb said. But since those spaces were widely dispersed, empty spots weren't noticed.

All 209 gated spaces offered for \$360 are sold, raising \$75,240 for parking improvements, but the lots sit farther from classrooms than some non-gated faculty/staff spaces.

The three gated lots are next to the Industrial Arts Building, behind Thompson Complex Central Wing and next to Tate Page Hall. Ten more spaces created by repainting the Tate Page gated lot will go on sale Nov. 23, Wallace said.

Between 10:30 a.m. and noon on Tuesday, Nov. 9, and Wednesday, Nov. 10, half of the 219 gated spaces were empty.

Gated lot tags are solid red with a black stripe across the bottom, and their holders are allowed to park in any faculty/staff space, not just gated lots. All faculty/staff tags are "downward compatible," Wallace said. Thus holders of \$120 tags can also park in \$60 "outside the loop" spaces.

"The spirit of the gated lots was no people would have a designated spot," Cobb said. "The intention was for them to leave their car there all day."

Cobb said he hadn't kept track of who's not using their reserved spaces.

"How many that is, I have no idea."

But Lenoir said he wrote

down parking tag numbers of those consistently parking outside the lots on Sept. 15, and emailed them to Cobb the next day. Cobb said he remembers discussing it with Lenoir, but doesn't recall getting a list of tag numbers.

Lenoir checked the lots himself at about 8:30 a.m., when most faculty arrive. The same half-dozen vehicles with gated lot tags are usually in the small lot between Cherry Hall and Science and Technology Hall, or in front of Garrett Hall, but only nine or 10 are a few yards away in the gated lot.

"There's no reason... at 7:30, to park in the Cherry lot," Lenoir said. "It's a matter of choice."

"When you do that, you take two spaces. Anytime that lot's not full, and you park outside of that, you're taking two spaces."

Lenoir also finds taking up two spaces "disrespectful" to coworkers. Some faculty aren't physically able to walk very far, but more able faculty with gated lot tags are taking the closer spaces, he said.

When Lenoir can't find a \$120 space free, he feels guilty about taking a \$60 space. So he usually parks on the street, several blocks from campus, he said.

There are no plans to change gated lots or downward compatibility, Cobb said.

"The parking and traffic committee has not taken up a full discussion of this, because how many people do you have to have complain for a problem to be a problem?"

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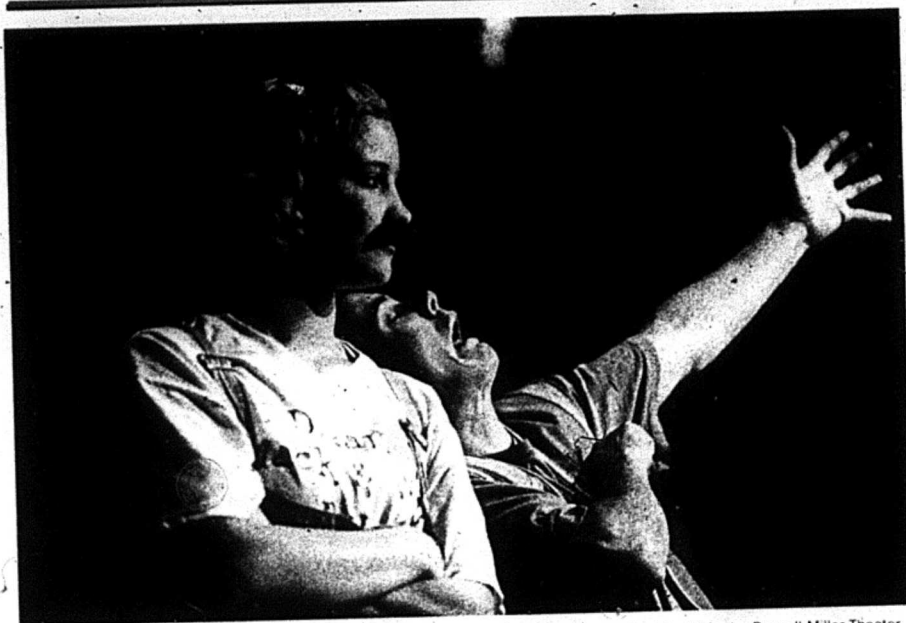
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# Features



Sophomore Matthew Long practices his part as Orlando in the Shakespearian play "As You Like It" in the Russell Miller Theater. The play opens tonight.

## SHAKESPEARE AS YOU LIKE IT

Story by Linh Tran ♦ Photo by Daniel Wallace

Shakespeare is getting a makeover. If you thought Shakespeare was old and boring, maybe Western's own modernized performance of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" will change your mind. Starting tonight, the theatre and dance department will present the Shakespearian play, which will run through Nov. 21 in the Russell Miller Theatre in the fine arts center. Tickets are \$5 for students, senior citizens and children. Adult tickets are \$7. Tickets can be purchased 30 minutes before each performance in the Russell Miller Theatre box office.

Everyone from the actors to the set designers has been hard at work since the beginning of October.

William Leonard, the head of the theater department for 22 years, said this play is entertaining and fun. It is a modernized version of Shakespeare's play, and it's a light romantic comedy.

While the language is still in Shakespeare's own words (old English), the rest of the play is modernized. The set and clothing are typical of modern times.

"As You Like It" is one of Shakespeare's light comedies. Of course, there's the element of romance in this play.

According to Leonard, "As You Like It" is about a group of people who find themselves exiled and placed into a rustic soci-

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ety. "It is the study of four different types of love relationships and the four sets of lovers," he said. "It's the story of love at first sight, unrequited love, lovers being tested, and lustful love turn into meaningful love."

Louisville sophomore Rodney Barge plays the sheriff in this play. He went to the Youth Performing Arts School in Louisville and has one play under his belt already. Although he plans on working in cinematography he enjoys performing.

"It's cool, and I like it," he said. "It's fun to be on stage."

Calhoun sophomore Rebecca Wright said she has always enjoyed theater. She plays Denna, the niece in the play, and sings. Wright said working on this production has been a lot of hard work.

"It's not as easy as it looks," she said. "We have a few weeks to memorize a lot of lines and

we have to practice putting feelings into our lines."

But this doesn't come without rewards. "Being on stage is a natural high," Wright said. "My adrenaline gets going and it's a great feeling."

Winchester sophomore Matthew Long, who plays the love-struck Orlando, agreed. "It's a different feeling (being onstage)," he said. "It's exciting and I get butterflies. It's hard to explain. It's an unbelievable high."

From the backstage crew to the singers, this play will display all sorts of talents.

Bowling Green senior Amy McCahey has the tough task of keeping all of the backstage crew together. She said that since the beginning of October, the sound designer, lighting designer, technical director and the costumes and props persons have been hard at work.

"It's a lot of work," she said. "I'd say both the lighting and sound designers have spent five hours a night working for the past three weeks."

Although this play isn't classified as a musical, it has some musical aspects to it. Choruses are typical in Shakespeare's plays.

Louisville sophomore Emily Goode said this play has allowed her to express her musical talents.

"No one knows I can sing," she said. "This play will let people know that, and it might help me get into some musicals."

## Campus Life

### Western a school of drunks

They all told me so. My sisters who were here before me, my parents who saw what they went through: my uncles — who like all uncles think they know everything — all told me the same thing:

"Justin," they said, "Western is a party school."

Actually, I haven't seen that much partying. It seems like the majority of Western's students go home on the weekends. And if a cool guy like me hasn't been invited to any parties, then there must not be any going on.

Fortunately, I read the paper I even work here. And the conclusion I have come to is that Western is a university of drunks.

I came to this conclusion thanks to the "good people of the Student Health Service" and their series of ads in the Herald.

The ads, which are supposed to encourage responsible drinking, include some revealing facts.

For example, did you know 75 percent of Western students only consume zero to four drinks when they party? Or that 65 percent of Western students don't let drugs interfere with tests or important projects? And 60 percent don't drive while under the influence.

Well, they say the road to Hell is paved with good intentions, and it's obvious that the Student Health Service wants to help. But when I read between the lines of the ads, the information there is a little scary.

Sixty percent don't drink and drive? That means 40 percent — around 5,000 students — do drink and drive. I don't want to be on the road with that 40 percent, do you?

Sixty-five percent don't let drug or alcohol use interfere with class work. So if you're reading this in class, look around. Anywhere from two to 10 of your classmates could be recovering from hangovers or "expanding their minds."

The numbers might be true, but they sure aren't encouraging. What does this say about Western students? From now on, when someone looks at me, they may very well think, "That's one of the 6,000 drunk drivers on Western's campus. Stay away from him."

But my relatives' words come back to haunt me. They were all right. Western is a party school, and there are facts to prove it.

Now I just have to figure out why I don't get invited to any parties.

R. Justin Shepherd is a freshman print journalism major from Shepherdsville.



R. Justin Shepherd  
commentary

## ► Around Campus

Phi Beta Lambda will be hosting a breakfast reception in honor of the business educators and Western staff from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. today in the fourth floor lobby of Grise Hall. The reception is an activity the fraternity organized in celebration of National Business Education Month.

The Western Kentucky Cheerleaders will be serving at Red Lobster today for lunch and dinner. Lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Donations will support the Stacey Coy Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"The Coffee Spot: An Artist's Gathering" fiction and poetry reading sponsored by the English club is tonight at 7:30 at the Faculty House. Everyone is welcome to participate or to just come and listen. Coffee will be served.

South Central Kentucky: People, Places and Things by the Southern Kentucky Photographic Society will be on display in the Garden Gallery at the Kentucky Museum from Nov. 21 to April 30, 2000.

The Capitol Arts Alliance and National City Banks 1999 All Kentucky Juried Fine Art Exhibition will be held in the Houchens Gallery and the Mezzanine Gallery from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 5 through Dec. 25. All exhibits are free. For more information call 782-2787.

The art department is holding the 39th Annual Art Competition Nov. 19 through Dec. 14 at the University Gallery in the fine arts center. The competition is open to any student currently enrolled at Western.



# Students experience homelessness

Shantytown raises \$575 for Hotel, Inc.

BY REX HALL JR.  
Herald reporter

The chilly night wind surrounded my makeshift home on DUC South Lawn. I had slept for two hours, but now, my eyes would not shut.

My back ached from lying unmoved for two hours, my feet were numb, and I was cold.

The sheet draped over the top of my cardboard box was not shielding me from the wind any longer, and the cold moisture from the ground was beginning to soak through my thin floor of cardboard. I wanted only one thing, to go home to West Hall and the confines of my warm bed.

Shantytown took form on DUC South Lawn last Wednesday night. The post-and-lintel Shantytown sign stood as a welcome mat for the students passing by. Many students took the invitation and became a resident of Shantytown for the night.

"We're saying that well over 100 people attended," said Housing and Residence Life Area Coordinator Steve Briggs.

Shantytown not only gives students the opportunity to experience what it's like to be homeless, but it's main purpose is to help the homeless.

"It has a two-fold purpose," Briggs said. "To raise awareness about homelessness and raise money for Hotel, Inc. here in Bowling Green."

There are five ministries in Hotel Inc., graduate student Danyale Ellis said. "They have a soup kitchen for the poor, they give out temporary hospital supplies, they provide clothing for

the homeless, and catastrophe housing, and the money raised is going to support their causes."

In the early hours of the night, people stood around talking and checking out the self-made box homes. Over the talking, the sound of someone playing a Nirvana song on their guitar could be heard.

"I think this is a pretty good cause," freshman Brad Baumgardner said, picking at the strings of his guitar. "I figured I needed something to do while I'm out here, and I'm from Nashville and there's a lot of homeless guys there who play guitar."

Some individuals got creative with their boxes. Many owned the penthouses of Shantytown for the night.

In the center of the lawn, one home looked to be big enough for one to stand on their knees on the inside and still have head room. Others took the no-roof approach and placed boxes in a circle with cardboard for a floor and plenty of room to lay and relax. In other locations of Shantytown, people chose to just throw down a blanket or tarp.

The weather was not November-like. It was shorts and T-shirt friendly for most of the early night. That would change. As the hours passed by and Wednesday soon turned into Thursday, the temperature dipped.

The warm chicken noodle soup and hot chocolate supplied by Housing and Residence Life became everyone's best friend. The residents of Shantytown

filed around the table to take advantage of the free hot cocoa and soup.

"This is pretty cool, I like it," said Richmond freshman James Lee, sipping his warm cocoa. "It feels more like camping than it does being homeless. I might do this again next year. I'll come better prepared, though. I only have a sleeping bag."

As the late hours came and the temperatures dropped, students passed the time by with whatever came to mind. One group used their boxes to have races, jumping inside them and seeing who could roll the fastest. Guitars still played in certain groups as they passed the time with music. Shantytown was alive.

"I think it was successful," Briggs said. "I think a lot of people got a good awareness of homelessness due to the cold temperatures."

The event was a successful venture. "We have \$575 dollars pledged," Briggs noted. "We have \$200 dollars in cash, and we expect to have all the pledges in by the 19th of this month."

"I've been here for three years," Central Hall Director Laura Sosh said. "This is the best that we've done since I've been here."

As I trekked back to my room on numb feet and with a stiff back Wednesday night, I thought about what Shantytown had taught me. It had taught me to be thankful. Thankful that I had a room and a warm bed to walk back to that night.

**"(Shantytown) has a two-fold purpose: to raise awareness about homelessness and raise money for Hotel, Inc."**

— Steve Briggs  
Housing and Residence Life Area Coordinator

## Workshop guides women

BY JENNIFER WALDRIDGE  
Herald reporter

Western's Women's Alliance wants to embrace the potential of women, as well as help them build healthy relationships, with its Women's Alliance Workshop, held today.

"Special emphasis will be placed on balancing leadership roles and personal relationships," said Joyce Rasdall, president of the Alliance.

The workshop, held in conjunction with the Women's Studies program, will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Downing University Center room 226, and then several prominent women in the Bowling Green and Western community will speak.

But if you don't want to shell out the cash for lunch, you can still come to hear the speakers, free of charge. The general public is also invited.

The workshop will be conducted in a panel format to allow for open discussion, according to Vice

President Nancy Carwell.

"These are role models we've picked in the community," Rasdall said. "They will tell about how to avoid pitfalls in the community and learn how to make good decisions."

The speakers will include newly elected Family Court Judge Margaret Huddleston, attorney Regina Jackson, Career Services Director Judy Owen and City Commissioner Sandy Jones.

"We want to provide a network of support for women on campus," Carwell said. "We want to give women a forum, but we also invite men and encourage them to attend."

And men are a part of the Women's Alliance. Men like Jack Montgomery, publicity chair for the alliance and library acquisitions coordinator.

"I truly feel that women's issues are men's issues as well," Montgomery said. "We're all linked in the interconnected web of life. When one suffers, we all suffer. When one grows, we all grow."

## Campus Movies

### Today

9 a.m./p.m. Mixed Nuts; 10:45 a.m./p.m. Scream; 12:45 a.m./p.m. Message in a Bottle; 3:15 a.m./p.m. From Dust Till Dawn; 5:15 a.m./p.m. The Mod Squad; 7 a.m./p.m. The Cutting Edge

### Wednesday

9 a.m./p.m. Sneakers; 11 a.m./p.m. Beverly Hills Cop III; 1:15 a.m./p.m. Cruel Intentions; 3 a.m./p.m. Crimson Tide; 5:15 a.m./p.m. Star Trek III: The Search For Spock; 7:15 a.m./p.m. Planes, Trains and Automobiles

### Thursday

9 a.m./p.m. In Dreams; 10:45 a.m./p.m. Cool Runnings; 12:30 a.m./p.m. Forrest Gump; 3 a.m./p.m. And the Band Played On; 5:30 a.m./p.m. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation; 7:15 a.m./p.m. Big Bully

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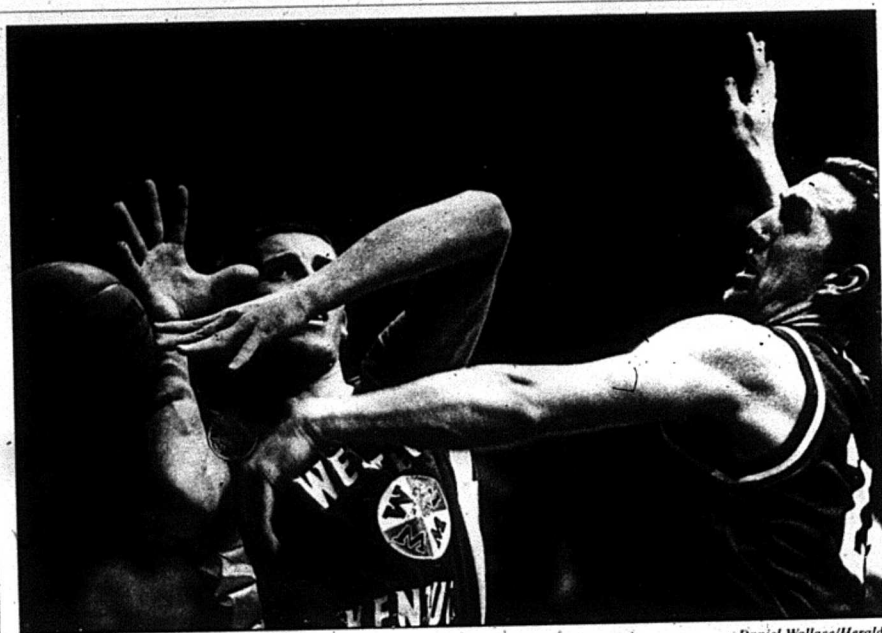
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# Sports



Western freshman guard Filip Videnov gets swatted by Marathon Oil forward Joe McLean during Friday's game in Diddle Arena. Friday's game was the last of the pre-season.

## Britt leads Lady Tops in victory

Forward pours in 28 points

By JERRY BREWER  
Herald reporter

The remnants of Jaime Britt's eruption were splattered across a plastic chair in Diddle Arena press room.

After completing a dainty interview session in which she understated her accomplishments, Britt arose from her seat and headed for the shower.

It seemed like someone had turned the faucet on that chair that sweat drenched chair — the one that obviously had been occupied by a woman who swam in achievement.

"That" was 28 points and eight rebounds worth of sweat, the kind of outburst that doesn't dry quickly. Too bad this game doesn't count.

"I didn't realize I had so many points," the senior forward said, laughing, after the Western women's basketball team's 102-59 exhibition victory over the North Carolina Stars, a group of former college players, on Sunday at Diddle Arena. "I really didn't pay attention to it."

Britt hit 9 of 15 shots from the field, made both of her 3-point attempts and hit all eight of her free throws as the Lady Toppers won their second straight exhibition game. Now they must prepare for a real game against Indiana on Friday night in the season opener.

Western should hope to be this dominant against the Hoosiers. After North Carolina took an 11-10 lead four minutes into the game, Western went on a 21-0 run over the next six minutes. The spirit began with a 3-pointer by sophomore guard Natalie Powers and ended with a 3-by senior guard Jaime Walt.

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## Felton voices praise for defense

Marcus blocks five shots in win

By TRAVIS MAYO  
Herald reporter

Dennis Felton's voice was a little hoarse — a scratchy, soft rumble — Friday night during his postgame press conference. He had been hollering for two hours, a grind-it-out battle that left his Hilltoppers standing on top, 67-60. He had been yelling, "Execute, don't deviate," to his pupils, steering intense defense

with each syllable. And when Western had dropped dry Marathon Oil No. 3, Felton's talkbox was subtle but confident.

The preseason had ended. It was capped with the Hilltoppers holding a team that had averaged about 73 points per game, but had the ability to rack up as many as 90, to only 60. And Marathon Oil had done it while building a house — a brick one — shooting less than 32 percent from the field.

"I am willing to bet a month's pay on it that this team will never shoot 31 percent from the field on this whole tour, other

than this game," Felton said. "We just played very, very good, consistent defense, as compared to the other night."

Western shot 41 percent overall, 35 percent from three-point land, and outmatched the touring team in nearly every category. The towering Hilltopper size pulled down 51 rebounds, weaved in 14 assists and tallied 11 blocks. Marathon Oil's reflection was a lesser one — 40 boards, 13 assists and six swats. It was a game that still looked like preseason at times, but never slipped out of Western's grip.

The Hilltoppers' biggest lead

was only 12, but they never lost control, firing a team full of professionals from various leagues who are using these games as hopeful boosts for the next job. But this resume game tape might not make it off the bus.

"I told them the thing I'm proud of, I don't think any of them will be sending this tape to anybody, because none of them had a chance to really do what he's accustomed to doing," Felton said.

The Hilltoppers stormed into that 12-point advantage during a spell of good play in bunches.

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## Hilltoppers win overtime thriller at Indiana State, 40-34

Football assured of winning record

By RYAN CLARK  
Herald reporter

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — In a game of big plays, senior running back Rod Smart needed to make one more.

He'd already sprinted for 130 yards and two touchdowns, surpassing 1,000 yards rushing for the season. He'd already helped his team overcome a 21-7 first quarter deficit. He'd constantly displayed senior leadership to his young squad during the game.

But for one more play, in overtime, in a contest which would ensure a winning season, he needed to do it again.

So he did. After taking an option pitch from sophomore quarterback Jason Michael, Smart shook off a defender and ran 25 yards to the

end zone, defeating Indiana State 40-34 in overtime. For Western (6-4), the victory meant a fourth straight winning season. For Smart, it brought about a change — the transition from a good player to a great one.

"Our older players, like Rod, gave us tremendous leadership today," coach Jack Harbaugh said. "To have a winning season this year is phenomenal when you look at the people we've lost. I think that speaks highly for the character of our players."

Michael felt the game was the result of a resilient team that had a good time.

"We feel really great about this win," said Michael, who rushed for 58 yards and passed for 90. "This assured us of a winning season. We had to come from behind, but we gained momentum right before the half and we pulled it out. We had fun today."

But after the first quarter, a victory looked nearly impossible. Indiana State (3-7), aided by an interception and a punt return for a touchdown, raced to a 21-7

"I always know I'm a playmaker and that I can do great things for the football team."

— Jon Drummond  
sophomore linebacker

lead. But Western's offense was potent, and the defense helped turn the momentum. Junior linebacker Donnell Hamilton made 14 tackles and forced Indiana State quarterback Sheraton Fox into a fumble, which he then returned 21 yards for a touchdown. Junior linebacker Melvin Wisham led the team with 15 tackles, including three solo. Freshman strong safety Bobby Sippio made a career-high 11 tackles, intercepted a pass and blocked a field goal, earning him his second Ohio Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week Award.

And sophomore linebacker Jon Drummond, subbing for

starter Sherrod Coates who left the game with a sprained ankle, made four tackles and blocked an Indiana State punt, which resulted in a safety.

"I always know I'm a playmaker and that I can do great things for the football team," Drummond said. "I just wanted to get the game in any kind of way Coach asked me if I wanted to punt return, and I thought it was a great opportunity for me to do something I guess it was."

The safety sandwiched between a field goal, Hamilton's fumble return and a 71-yard touchdown pass from Michael to junior wide receiver Alan Ogletree, was part of 19 points scored by the Hilltoppers in a three minute span, which gave them the lead at halftime 26-21. The fourth quarter offered enough drama to make up for a scoreless third.

After Indiana State recovered a fumble by Michael, the Sycamores scored on one play — a 21-yard strike from Fox to wide receiver Marques Clayton, giving

Indiana State a 27-26 lead. But on Western's next drive, Smart scored on a 44-yard rush, allowing Michael to dive into the end zone for a two-point conversion. Western led 34-27. Thoughts of a winning season began to creep into the players' heads. But the celebration would have to be delayed.

In three minutes, Indiana State drove 80 yards in eight plays, scoring a touchdown and forcing the overtime. But the added drama only provided a grander stage for Smart.

After his game-winning score, number 23 continued to run. He ran out of the end zone around the track that surrounded the field, and across to the other side.

He probably would have kept on running, too — all the way back to Bowling Green, but he disappeared into a sea of red helmets and waving pompoms.

It was a celebration suitable for victorious kings. But it was given to overachieving Hilltoppers.

# BRITT: Lady Toppers practice poorly, play well in exhibition

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Junior forward ShaRae Mansfield scored on a putback during the run, and the other 13 points came from Britt.

"When she made the first 3, I knew she was on," said Mansfield, who finished with 19 points, 10 rebounds and four assists. "Their defense was sagging or something, and JB didn't realize she was open. When she shot that first 3, I was like, 'We gotta get JB the ball.'"

Britt didn't force anything in scoring her points. She scored with layups, off nice feeds from Walz, Powers and sophomore guard-forward Kristina Covington. She stole the ball and ran the length of the court for easy scores. And when she was left open, Britt drained jumpers.

"She can do it inside and outside," Lady Topper coach Steve Small said. "There's a young lady who's pretty hard to guard because you can put her at different spots all over the floor."

Britt took some of the scoring load off Mansfield, who is grieving the death of her cousin, Donnie Giles, who died of

lung cancer last week.

Britt, who was disappointed in her six-point, five-rebound performance in the first exhibition against EOS Malbas of Sweden, was intent on being in sync and using her versatility to her advantage. At 5-9, Britt is an undersized for forward. And she's more mobile than most forwards.

"I don't have anything fancy in the post," she said. "The only thing that works to my advantage is my quickness and my ability to run the floor, outrun the other post players who are bigger in size."

Small was pleased — and perhaps a bit surprised — with the complete game she team played. He entered the press room and said: "Two lousy days of practice, one great game."

The coach was miffed by his team's lack of focus in recent practices.

"His patience was running thin," Britt said. And Small, as you may know, is a patient man. He looked at the stat sheet and could find nothing wrong. The Lady Toppers shot 47.4 percent and held North Carolina to 27 percent. They hit 7 of 17 3-pointers and outrebounded

North Carolina 51-44, mostly because of Covington's 13 boards. Covington also added six points and five assists.

Walz chipped in 11 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals. Powers added nine points and five assists. In just 11 minutes, Chastang added six points and five boards.

And Western had good bench production from others besides Covington.

Sophomore center Katie Wulf had eight points and seven rebounds. Junior guard LaVonda Johnson added nine points, and freshman guard/forward Elisha Ford scored six.

So, what happened to the "practice makes perfect" saying? For one day, you could throw it out of Diddle.

"I guess we're just tired of practicing, and we're ready to play," Britt said.

Small gave his team the day off yesterday, hoping they will be rested and more focused for today's practice.

"I told them if they saw a ball around, kick it," he said.

## Lady Tops (102)

Adams 4-10 5-8 16, Burton 1-7 9-19, Chastang 3-8 0-16, Powers 3-9 1-29, Walz 4-9 0-11, Johnson 3-7 3-39, 3-4 0-0 6, Slaughter 0-3 0-2 0, Wright 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 37-78 21-27 102.

## North Carolina (59)

Adams 4-10 5-8 16, Burton 1-7 9-19, Field 3-10 1-3 7, Tedford 0-5 5-8 5, Greene 1-7 0-2 2, Turner 0-3 0-1 0, Williams 3-8 0-0 6, Eaton 5-13 2-16. Totals: 17-63 18-26 59.

## 3-point goals

Lady Toppers 7-17 (Walz 3-7, Powers 2-4, Britt 2-2, Johnson 0-1, Wright 0-1, Slaughter 0-1, Covington 0-1; North Carolina 7-21 (Eaton 4-10, Adams 2-5, Burton 1-5, Williams 0-1). Rebounds

Lady Toppers 51 (Covington 13), North Carolina 44 (Adams 13). Assists — Lady Toppers 22 (Walz, Powers, Covington 5), North Carolina 10 (Adams, Greene, Williams 3). Turnovers — Western 10, North Carolina 24. Steals — Lady Toppers 15 (Walz 3), North Carolina 1 (Adams).

## Attendance: 1,350.

Western (67)  
Lamprey 6-11 0-13, Boyden 1-7 0-2, Alenbach 3-8 0-6, Curry 3-8 0-7, Rowles 2-5 0-5, Videnov 3-7 1-2 9, Marcus 1-4 0-2, Robinson 6-8 0-14, Williams 2-4 1-3, Boykin 1-6 0-2.

## Marathon Oil (60)

Curry 5-9 0-7, Allen 2-4 2-3 7, Cunningham 2-6 1-2 5, Ausborne 2-7 0-6, Reiser 3-12 2-4 11, Taff 6-12 2-25, Hand 3-8 0-7, Yokum 1-6 0-2.

## Three-point goals

Western (Lamprey 4, Curry 0-1, Rowles 1-4, Videnov 2-4, Robinson 2-3, Boykin 0-1), Marathon Oil (McLean 1-4, Allen 1-2, Cunningham 0-2, Ausborne 2-6, Reiser 3-12, Taff 3-13, Hand 1-1). Rebounds — Western 51 (Marcus 13, Alenbach 7), Marathon Oil 40 (Yokum 10), Assists — Western 14 (Curry 5, Robinson 4), Marathon Oil 13 (McLean, Allen 3).

# FELTON: Lampley, Marcus, Robinson big in Hilltopper victory

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Sophomore center Chris Marcus swooped down for three rejections between 9:31 and 8:41 remaining. Then senior forward Lee Lampley nailed a three and drove through traffic for the game's next bucket a minute later.

But Marathon Oil jumped back to within five before sophomore guard Derek Robinson had a dominant span. Western's sharpshooter drained a trey, stole the ball, soared for a reverse layup and hauled in a defensive rebound — all in 38 seconds.

"I just figured if I'm open, I'm gonna have the confidence to put it

up," Robinson said.

He led Western with 14 points. Robinson also chipped in six boards, four assists, two steals and only one turnover. Lampley was the only other Hilltopper in double figures with 13 points.

Freshman Raynardo Curry started at point, as junior Rashon Brown didn't get into the game because of what Felton called a coach's decision.

Marathon Oil guard John Taft was tops for the touring team, tossing in 15 points.

Marcus had a huge game off the bench — 13 rebounds and five blocks.

"When you see that big house

come off the bench, he played great, for a kid that's got that much basketball in front of him," Marathon Oil coach Sam Foggins said. "He's got good hands, he's got great size — what a nice combination coming off the bench with a guy like that."

The first test that counts comes at Southern Illinois on Saturday, when Felton's voice surely will have returned and led by night's end.

## McPherson update

There was a reason junior guard Nashon McPherson was wearing a navy blue blazer, white shirt and yellow tie instead of a

practice uniform last Friday.

McPherson is undergoing tests to pinpoint a heart flutter. He was still going through further testing yesterday afternoon.

"The truth is, at this point, the doctors know there's an irregularity, but they don't know where or why," Western coach Dennis Felton said. "I don't know what happens beyond today."

McPherson was in Minnesota last Thursday to consult a specialist after experiencing the heart flutter. The Hilltoppers' leading returning scorer had some trouble with his heart last season and briefly wore a heart monitor, but was eventually cleared to play.

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# A loss, but now the fun begins

## Volleyball primed for Sun Belt tournament

BY JERRY BREWER  
Herald reporter

A loss had never been so painful. Three weeks ago, when the Western volleyball team was being swallowed by a five-match winless streak, each loss seemed to grind a stake further into the team's postseason hopes.

This past Sunday, the Lady Toppers lost again, but for only the first time in seven matches. The stake has been removed. A wound is there, but Western likes to use it as a symbol of what's to come.

Arkansas State snapped Western's six-match winning streak Sunday on Senior Day with a 4-15, 15-6, 15-13 and 16-14 victory at Diddle Arena.

The Lady Indians (25-6, 14-2 in the Sun Belt Conference) finished second in the conference and will be the No. 2 seed when the tournament begins.

Western (17-13, 9-7) clinched the No. 4 seed with Friday's 15-6, 15-11 and 15-10 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Lady Toppers will play No. 5 seed Louisiana Tech (13-19, 8-8) at 5 p.m. Friday in the first round of the Sun Belt tournament in Little Rock, Ark.

The Western team that will compete for the conference title is battle-tested, savvy and resilient. It is one that has overcome injuries, doubts, and losing

streaks to once again become a contender for what it has desperately wanted ever since losing in the 1998 Sun Belt tournament championship game.

"We can't be afraid of any team," said senior middle hitter Kim Carpenter, who hit .500 with 16 kills on Sunday. "We've seen it all. We've seen injuries. We've seen huge blocks. We've seen great defensive teams. We've seen it all. (Coach) Travis (Hudson) set it up that way so that when we got to conference tournament, we would have seen everything. There's no shock to us. We're not afraid of anything. When we say that, we really mean it."

Carpenter is one of the three seniors standing with Hudson and looking ridiculously mean on that media guide cover, the one that has "Unfinished Business" scrawled across the top of it.

The unfinished business, of course, is winning the conference tournament and going to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. No one in the Sun Belt doubts that Western could do it.

Especially not Arkansas State coach Craig Cummings, who coached this to Hudson after Sunday's match. "We were fortunate to get out of here with wins," Cummings is among many coaches who see the Sun Belt tournament as wide open.

"There has never been a conference tournament like the one we're going to have this weekend," he said. "Any team that's good for three days, they're going to go to the NCAA."

That is exactly what the Lady Toppers want to hear. Arkansas

State, Arkansas-Little Rock and Denver ran away during regular-season conference play and snatched the top three seeds. But all three of those teams struggled in doing so. In fact, South Alabama, which finished 1-15 in conference play, took Little Rock, the three-time defensive Sun Belt champion, to five games last week.

"I think we can play with anybody," junior defensive specialist Heaven Hill said. "There will be so much intensity this weekend, so much emotion. We're going to be hard to beat."

The late run has the Lady Toppers not thinking they can win, but knowing they can win. The words "and it's going to be good enough to win the conference championship," slipped out of Carpenter's mouth during a post-match interview. They have an angle, and it's that they're tougher than everybody else in the conference because of their struggles. And they also want it so badly.

Besides, the early favorites have to be Arkansas State and Little Rock, who both beat Western twice this season. Most people, inside and outside of Diddle, believe those two teams aren't that much better than Western.

Remember what they say in sports about beating a good team three times?

"We've played ourselves into a groove," Hudson said. "I feel very good about where this team is. I told you when we were 11-12 that I only knew that we weren't going to quit. I think we've atoned for ourselves pretty well."

# Hilltopper runners fall short of NCAA

## Shangase, Lynch chosen All-District

BY CHRIS YEO  
Herald reporter

Coach Curtiss Long sat at his desk Monday afternoon, hoping senior Duncan Shangase would get the individual at large bid he needed to compete in one more collegiate cross country race.

He didn't. Assistant coach Michelle Scott came into the office to inform Long the results had been posted on the Internet and no Western runners would be traveling to the NCAA's this year.

"He ran superbly," Long said. "It was certainly indicative of his cross country career at Western."

Shangase and senior Valerie Lynch both finished 14th at the southeast region championship in Greenville, S.C., which featured close to 200 competitors in each race. The men's team finished 11th out of 25 teams while the Lady Toppers also placed 11th in a field of 29 teams.

"If you were equating this meet to the NCAA basketball tournament they would have made it to the Sweet 16," Long said. "It was an outstanding indi-

vidual achievement by both Val and Duncan."

Shangase and Lynch received All-District recognition for finishing in the top 25 at the south east region, arguably the toughest region in the country.

"It's so frustrating," Scott said. "Val trained so hard, we were just in a very tough district. In another district, I'm sure she'd make it."

Lynch's drive and desire was apparent to Long when over the last 600 yards, she had trouble seeing due to her exhaustion.

"There is a lot of fight in her," Long said. "She didn't have any thing left. The tank was dry at the end of the race."

Senior Aaron Mullins finished second for the Hilltoppers and 56th overall, despite battling an upper respiratory infection the past three weeks which prohibited him from being in top physical condition.

"I'm very proud of what he's accomplished," Long said. "I know that in every race he's competed in he has achieved all that he could on that day."

Even though the women's team expected to do much better than its 11th place team finish, it still has a lot to be proud of this season.

"It was the best season we've had," senior Evelyn Corona said. "Even if districts don't show it."

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# ULM can't stop 'Big Red Machine'

By LYNDSEY SUTTON  
Herald reporter

It started as a whisper among friends on one side of the Preston Health and Activities Center pool.

"Hey, hey you, there's nothing you can do, you just can't stop that Big Red Machine."

Western swimmers, all self-proclaimed best friends, stood in a circle facing each other chanting the same cheer, each time a little louder. They were preparing to turn full circle and face Louisiana-Monroe, a team that was to be the Hilltoppers' toughest competition thus far in the season.

And then Western (4-0) placed first and second in the first event of the meet, the 400-yard medley relay. Its A team won, and the B team finished five seconds later, nearly two seconds ahead of the Indians top swimmers.

"That's such a momentum builder," Western coach Bill Powell said. "But it's a killer if you're on the other side."

"Hey, hey you, there's nothing you can do, you just can't stop that Big Red Machine."

And last year, senior Kicker Vencill was on the losing side, in the 200-yard freestyle

Louisiana-Monroe senior Raul Arismendi edged Vencill in the event last year, but Powell said his Olympic Trial qualifying swimmer would have none of that this year.

Vencill won in a pool record time of 1 minute 39.59 seconds. Arismendi finished second — four seconds later.

"Hey, hey you, there's nothing you can do, you just can't stop that Big Red Machine."

Two events after the 200-yard freestyle, Powell knew the meet was over for the Indians. Western swept Louisiana-Monroe (1-3) in the 200-yard individual medley, with freshman Kyle Nunez finishing first in 1:56.50.

"My hands were shaking and stuff (before the race started)," Nunez said. "It felt like the state championship, as a senior, felt."

"That (the 200 IM) was the turning point of the race," Powell said. "That put the nail in the coffin for (ULM)."

For senior captain Casey Diercks, the meet was over after the third event, due in part to the team's victory in the 400-yard medley relay.

"After the third event, I knew we had it won because of the momentum," Diercks said.

"Everybody was just too high."

High enough for the downfall of yet another team as the Indians lost 145-87. And in the end, the only thing that could be heard was a cheer that Powell said has been around since the 1970s.

"Hey, hey you, there's nothing you can do, you just can't stop that Big Red Machine."

## Women down ULM, Georgia Southern

Sophomore Brandi Beckwith set a pool and school record in the 100-yard butterfly, finishing first in 58.44 seconds.

"That's not one that will be in the books for 'too long,'" Beckwith said.

Sophomore Sydney Mountford, who had been experiencing back problems before the meet, and junior Amanda Shafer each won two events, as the Lady Toppers (6-0) beat Louisiana-Monroe (1-5) 128-100 and Georgia Southern (4-9) 130-94.

The Lady Toppers face Ball State, the only team that beat Western last year, on Friday.

"Our girls are ready for a big meet just like our guys were last week," Powell said.

## WESTERN SPORTS SCORECARD

Team	W-L	Next
Football	6-4	Saturday at Southern Illinois
Men's basketball	0-0	Saturday at Southern Illinois
Women's basketball	0-0	Friday vs. Indiana
Volleyball	17-13	Friday at Sun Belt Tournament
Men's swimming	4-0	Friday at Ball State
Women's swimming	6-0	Friday at Ball State

## MVC All-Conference selections named

Two Western soccer players were named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Conference team and two were named honorable mention. Senior defender Bryan Robbins was named to the first team and the MVC All-Tournament team. Sophomore midfielder Tawanda Chitapa was named to the second team. Both senior midfielder Matt Hawkey and junior forward Steven Brown were honorable-mention all-conference performers.

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